

REMARKS

Applicants wish to correct the record pertaining to the statements made as reasons of allowance in the Notices of Allowance dated September 24, 2008 and January 12, 2009. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance includes some broad conclusory statements that may be viewed as an oversimplification of the examination issues, and if taken out of context, could give rise to an improper interpretation of the claims as well as the file history. For these reasons, Applicants provide the following comments.

First, as a preliminary matter, Applicants note that a typographical error appears on page 1 of the Notice of Allowance dated September 24, 2008. Claim 45 as provided in the Examiner's Amendment should begin with "A method for encrypting *multi*-media data flow packets, comprising the steps of:". (*Emphasis added*). Further, the Examiner's Amendment errs by not amending the preambles of claims 53-56, which should recite "computer readable storage medium" instead of "computer readable medium" in order to agree with "computer readable storage medium" in amended claim 52.

Second, Applicants assert that there are multiple grounds supporting allowance of the presently pending claims, including grounds in addition to those stated in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Accordingly, it should not be assumed that Applicants agree with the accuracy of the characterizations of the cited references and the claim elements in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Third, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. Section 282: "Each claim of a patent (whether in independent, dependent, or multiple dependent form) shall be presumed valid independently of the validity of other claims; dependent or multiple dependent claims shall be presumed valid even though dependent upon an invalid claim." Thus, any dependent claims that are not addressed by the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not rise or fall, when construed in

terms of validity, with their respective independent claims, but instead should be construed independently of their respective independent claims.

Fourth, the scope and validity of each claim (whether in independent, dependent, or multiple dependent form) should be determined based upon the entire combination of elements/features/steps in each claim, as opposed to only the particular feature or features pointed out by the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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Applicants respectfully request entry into the record of these statements pertaining to the Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance.

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